

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Dental Board of California is proposing to take action described in the Informative Digest. Although a public hearing was not originally scheduled, a request to hold a public hearing was received by the Board. Accordingly, any person interested may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the action proposed at a hearing to be held at the Evergreen Hearing Room at 2005 Evergreen Street, Sacramento, California at **10:00a.m.**, on **Tuesday, June 17, 2008**. Written comments including those sent by mail, facsimile, or e-mail to the addresses listed under Contact Person in this Notice must be received by the Board at its office not later than **5:00 p.m. Monday, June 16, 2008**, or must be received by the Board at the hearing.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

Amend Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, Sections 1021, and add Sections 1028.2, 1028.3, 1028.4 and 1028.5

Existing law authorizes the board to regulate the issuance of dental licenses and specifies the requirements for licensure. These regulations will amend current regulations to allow the Board to issue a dental license to applicants who have completed specified national examination requirements and the California law and ethics exam, meet certain education requirements, and have completed a clinically based advanced education program in general dentistry or an advanced educational program in general practice residency. The bill specified that satisfactory evidence of completion of the required program be certified on a certification of clinical residency program completion form approved by the board. This bill was passed by the Legislature and signed on September 30, 2006, making it effective on January 1, 2007. The bill required that the board work together with the Department of Consumer Affairs' Office of Examination Resources (OER) to ensure that the competencies contained in the certification of clinical residency program completion form are aligned with the board's current occupational analysis. The report was completed on November 1, 2007. This has resulted in a need for emergency regulations to fully implement SB 683 to allow application, collection of fees, and establish the processes necessary to allow applicants to submit their statutory requirements and thereby be issued a California dental license. The bill included a provision that emergency regulations be adopted by January 1, 2008. Emergency regulations were adopted on February 1, 2008.

At its meeting on March 7, 2008, the board adopted additional modifications to the text to specify exactly what applicants must provide for proof of graduation and proof that they have not failed the WREB clinical examination within the last five years, as required by Section 1634.1 of the Business and Professions Code. The board also modified application form Residency-1, Application for Determination of Licensure Eligibility (Residency) to require that an applicant

disclose any convictions that were expunged, and to eliminate the penalty of automatic forfeiture of the license. The board's address was also updated.

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